

REMARKS

Claims 21, 22, 26, 28-31, and 33-52 are pending. By this amendment, claims 28, 33, 37, 42, and 47 are amended; claim 53 is newly presented; and claims 21, 22, 26, 31, 34-36, 41, and 50-52 are cancelled. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments.

Claims 31 and 33 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim (independent claim 28) but are otherwise indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, the limitations of claim 31 are “moved up” into claim 28, thus rendering claim 28 allowable. Conversely, the limitations of claim 28, as pending, are “moved down” into claim 33, thus rendering claim 33 independent and allowable.

Furthermore, independent claim 37 is amended by incorporating the features, recited in the other claims, pertaining to the central station as well as the features recited in dependent claim 41. As a result, claim 37 is now independent and corresponds to claim 28, and it should be allowable, too.

Similarly, the terms of claim 37, to the extent amended to now refer to the central station, are “moved down” into dependent claim 42. Therefore, claim 42 is now independent and it should be allowable at least by virtue of the allowability of claim 37.

Consistent with the amendment to independent method claim 28, independent system claim 47 is amended to incorporate the features recited in claim 31. Therefore, claim 47 parallels claim 28 and should be allowable, too.

Finally, independent system claim 53 is newly presented and parallels claims 33 and 42. Therefore, it, too, should be allowable.

Thus, there are now two independent method claims, claims 28 and 33, which are directed to a method for communication between at least one central station and at least one object; there are two independent communication object claims, claims 37 and 42, which correspond to claims 28 and 33; and there are two independent system claims, claims 47 and 53, which also correspond to claims 28 and 33.

In view of these amendments, Applicant submits that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance, and timely Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner is invited to directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 7589.033.PCUS00.

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